

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1(original): A method for measuring the metabolism of the pancreas, characterized in that the increase of $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ in the exhaled air is determined before and after intravenous administration of secretin and before and after oral administration of a ^{13}C -triglyceride.

Claim 2(original): The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said ^{13}C -triglyceride is the mixed triglyceride glyceryl-1,3-dioctadecanoate-2-octanoate-1- ^{13}C .

Claim 3(currently amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the determination of $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ is effected by IRMS or NDIR.

Claim 4(currently amended): The method according to ~~at least one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that 1 U of secretin per kg of body weight is administered intravenously within about 15 to 30 minutes.

Claim 5(currently amended): The method according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that 200 mg of the mixed triglyceride is administered with a test meal.

Claim 6(currently amended): A test kit containing:

- a test meal of corn starch and cocoa powder;
- a ^{13}C -mixed triglyceride;

- a sample container;
- instructions for use relating to a method according to ~~claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1.

Claim 7(original): A test meal according to claim 1, characterized in that said ¹³C-mixed triglyceride is glyceryl-1,3-dioctadecanoate-2-octanoate-1-¹³C.